THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Details of district wise functioning industries in Himachal Pradesh is not centrally maintained. However, the list of manufacturing units (non-SSI sector) located in Himachal Pradesh (district-wise) as available with the Ministry of Industry, is given in the Annexure (See Appendix 186, Annexure No. 48). In addition, as per details available with the Development Commissioner of Small Scale Industries, in December, 1997 there were 15022 registered small-scale units in the State of Himachal Prdesh.

(b) to (d) The focus of economic reforms has been to facilitate investment decisions by investors and to minimize direct public investment for setting up industries. The Central Government only supplements the efforts of the State Governments to accelerate industrial growth within the State.

The Central Government has taken various initiatives for promotion of small scale industries in Himachal Pradesh. Two Integrated Infrastructure Development Centres have been sanctioned at village Bhamla, Distt. Mandi and Village Gwalthai, Distt. Bilaspur. Besides, the Central Government is implementing a number of Plan schemes for development of small scale industries viz. The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, Entrepreneur Development Programme, Export Promotion, etc. Small Industries Service Institute at Solan also provides consultancy/technical advice, common service facilities etc. for development of small-scale industries in the State. Under the Growth Centres Scheme of the Central Government one Growth Centre has been approved in Distt. Kangra for implementation by the State Government. Central assistance of Rs. 450 lakhs has already been released towards the Growth Centre. Similarly, under the Transport Subsidy Scheme of 1971, the Central Government has released Rs. 117.57 Crores, since the inception of the Scheme till 31.3.99, to the State of Himachal Pradesh as subsidy under this scheme.

Availability of funds under PMRY

2977. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether too much hardship is being faced in availability of funds from banks under the Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana in the hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of unemployed youth benefitted by this scheme in Mandi, Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Kalpa and Lahuolspiti during the last three years, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of the above.

(c) A statement showing number of unemployed youths benefitted in Mandi, Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Kalpa and Lahuolspiti districts of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, i.e. from 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 under the Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana as reported by the State Government is enclosed below.

Statement

District-wise unemployed youth benefitted in Mandi, Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Kalpa and Lahaul-Spiti districts of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years under the Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana.

As reported by the State Government

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of unemployed youth benefitted			
		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	Total
1.	Mandi	376	377	357	1110
2.	Kangra	469	391	406	1266
3.	Kullu	122	96	65	283
4.	Chamba	123	100	67	290
5.	Kalpa	25	27	31	83
6.	Lahaul & Spiti	15	13	13	41

Phasing out of reservation an investment cap

2978. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) has said that reservation and investment cap for the small scale sector should be phased out in the long term;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) The UNIDO Division in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Industry is not in receipt of any official communication from United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) regarding phasing out of reservation and investment cap for the small-scale sector. However, it appears from the press-cuttings that the Director General of UNIDO, during his recent visit to India, had expressed his view on the existing reservation policy in the SSI sector.

(b) and (c) The Question does not arise.

Job creation through KVIC in NER

2979. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission has drawn a programme for creation of jobs for rural workers in the country particularly in the North-Eastern Region during the year 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to create a large number of jobs through KVIC in NER during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) In the North Eastern Region, 12 Districts and 10 blocks have been identified for creation of jobs under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) as given in 'Statement' (*See* below). Under the Margin Money Scheme grant of 25% is provided to the projects costing upto Rs. 10 lakhs and 10% for the cost exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs. For North Eastern Region, beneficiaries grant is 30% instead of 25%. Under the Margin Money Scheme, KVIC has